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What is claimed is:

- 1) A method for outputting information comprising:
  - 5 accessing information associated with an application accessible from a computer system located at a first location;  
requesting output of said information to an electronic device;  
determining a location of said electronic device;  
determining if said first location is remote to said location of said electronic
  - 10 device; and  
if said first location is remote to said location of said electronic device,  
preventing output of said information to said electronic device.
- 2) The method as recited in Claim 1 wherein said electronic device is a  
15 printing device and said information represents an electronic representation of a document.
- 3) The method as recited in Claim 2 further comprising:
  - determining a default printer associated with said application; and
  - 20 if said default printer is remote to said first location, automatically  
modifying said default printer such that said default printer is local to said first  
location.

4) The method as recited in Claim 1 wherein said preventing output comprises rendering a user alert when said first location is remote to said location of said electronic device.

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5) The method as recited in Claim 4 further comprising allowing output of said information to said electronic device in response to a user validation.

6) The method as recited in Claim 1 wherein said preventing output  
10 comprises disabling a graphical icon or menu option on said computer system that is associated with said electronic device.

7) The method as recited in Claim 1 further comprising:  
determining said first location and said location of said electronic device  
15 based on global positioning satellite (GPS) data.

8) The method as recited in Claim 1 further comprising:  
determining if said information is sensitive; and  
wherein said preventing output only prevents output if said information is  
20 sensitive.

9) The method as recited in Claim 1 further comprising determining said first location and said location of said electronic device from network topography data.

5 10) A system for detecting information output to a remote device comprising:  
a first electronic device in a first location and comprising information;  
an application accessible from said first electronic device and for  
requesting output of said information to a second electronic device in a second  
location;

10 a location determiner in communication with said first electronic device  
and for determining if said first location is remote to said second location; and  
a data output request filter for filtering information output requests from  
said application if said first location is remote to said second location.

15 11) The system as recited in Claim 10 wherein said second electronic device  
is a printing device.

12) The system as recited in Claim 11 wherein said first electronic device  
comprises a display screen for displaying a print icon associated with said  
20 printing device and wherein said filter is also for disabling said print icon is  
disabled by said filter when said first location is remote to said second location.

13) The system as recited in Claim 10 further comprising a modifier for modifying default settings associated with said application based on said first location and said second location wherein said modifier automatically selects a local electronic device to receive output from said first electronic device.

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14) The system as recited in Claim 13 wherein said location determiner uses global positioning satellite (GPS) data to determine said first and second locations.

10 15) The system as recited in Claim 13 wherein said location determiner uses network topography data to determine said first and second locations.

16) The system as recited in Claim 10 wherein said second electronic device is a portable electronic device.

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17) The system as recited in Claim 10 wherein said filter generates an alert when said second electronic device is remote to said first electronic device and temporarily suspends output to said second electronic device.

20 18) A method for printing comprising:  
accessing a request to output a data file associated with an application accessible from a first electronic device situated at a first location;

determining that said request targets a first printer;  
determining a location associated with said first printer;  
determining if said first location is remote to said location of said first  
printer; and

5        filtering said request if said first location is remote to said location of said  
first printer.

19)    The method as recited in Claim 18 wherein said filtering comprises  
disabling a print icon or menu option associated with said first printer as  
10    displayed on said first electronic device.

20)    The method as recited in Claim 18 wherein said filtering comprises  
automatically modifying default print options of said first electronic device such  
that said request is routed to a second printer local to said first location.  
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21)    The method as recited in Claim 18 wherein said determining said location  
of said first printer comprises accessing global positioning satellite (GPS) data  
associated with said first printer.

20    22)    The method as recited in Claim 18 wherein said determining said location  
of said first printer comprises accessing network topography data associated with  
said first printer.

23) The method as recited in Claim 18 further comprising generating an alert on said first electronic device when said first location is remote to said first printer and allowing said request to said first printer in response to a user validation.

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24) The method as recited in Claim 18 further comprising:  
determining if said data file is sensitive; and  
wherein said filtering prevents output of said data file if said data file is sensitive.

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25) A method for preventing accidental output of information, comprising:  
accessing information associated with an application accessible from a computer system;  
requesting output of said information to an electronic device;  
15 determining if said information is sensitive; and  
if said information is sensitive, preventing output of said information to said electronic device.

26) The method as recited in Claim 25 wherein said preventing output  
20 comprises rendering a user alert when said information is sensitive.

27) The method as recited in Claim 26 further comprising allowing output of said information to said electronic device in response to a user validation.